

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract on page 16 of the specification with the following new abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The dye carrier composition is free of fatty alcohol alkoxylates and contains oxidative dyes and/or nonoxidative dyes and a combination of

- (a) at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 60 carbon atoms,
- (b) at least one alkanolamide,
- (c) at least one fatty ester, and
- (d) at least one anionic surfactant.

A weight ratio of fatty alcohol to alkanolamide in the composition is equal to from 1:4 to 4:1, preferably from 1:1.7 to 2:1. Preferably a weight ratio of fatty ester to anionic surfactant is equal to from 1:7 to 7:1. The purpose of the combination of ingredients (a) to (d) is to create a nacreous luster effect in the dye carrier composition and in colorants for keratin fibers.